Alcohol and Drug Programs

"Healthy Individuals and communities free of alcohol and other drug problems."

Department Profile

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) provides leadership and policy coordination for the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive statewide system of alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention, treatment and recovery services.

ADP has approximately 326 permanent staff and oversight responsibilities for an average annual budget of more than \$600 million. The Department manages and administers both state and federal monies, including the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant, a major source of funding. ADP also manages the Drug Medi-Cal benefit program, which has expanded to more than \$115 million yearly.

In November 2000, passage of Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA), placed increased responsibility on ADP.

In addition to the responsibilities outlined above, ADP administers statewide problem gambling prevention services and programs through its Office of Problem Gambling, which was established in 2003 as a result of Assembly Bill 673.

In its leadership role, the Department has been charged with the task of facilitating collaboration with California's 58 counties, other state-level departments, local public and private agencies, providers, advocacy groups, and individuals to establish standards for a statewide AOD service delivery system that supports all Californians.

Mission

To lead efforts to reduce alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling in California by developing, administering and supporting prevention, treatment and recovery programs.

Vision

To have Californians understand that alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling are chronic conditions that can be successfully prevented and treated.



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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2006-2008



Core Programs and Outcomes

PREVENTION

- Abstinence from alcohol and other drug use.
- Reduction of illicit drug use and high-risk alcohol use by Californians.

TREATMENT

- Accessible, available treatment and recovery services for all Californians in need of treatment.
- Improvement in the core life domains of alcohol and other drug (AOD) clients.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Safe, effective, efficient, and consistent prevention and treatment services that are responsive to client needs.
- Implementation of audit findings leading to program compliance and improvement resulting in effective use of resources.

INFORMATION / EDUCATION

 Understanding by Californians that alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling are chronic conditions that can be successfully prevented and treated.

Kathryn P. Jett, Director





Key Strategic Areas 2006-2008

I. Provide Ongoing Leadership in Identifying and Addressing Emerging and Priority Issues

- **Goal 1:** Assume a greater leadership role at national, state, county, and local service delivery levels.
- **Goal 2:** Address emerging trends in potentially harmful AOD-related behaviors and apply current research findings to AOD programs and services.
- **Goal 3:** Continue to implement and monitor the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA) Proposition 36.
- **Goal 4:** Lead the transition to outcome-based planning and accountability to ensure appropriate use of funds for prevention and treatment programs.
- **Goal 5:** Work with counties, stakeholders and partners to improve understanding among Californians that alcoholism and drug addiction are chronic conditions which can be successfully prevented and treated.

II. Enhance Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Systems

- **Goal 6:** Develop and maintain a comprehensive, integrated statewide prevention, treatment and recovery system.
- **Goal 7:** Promote partnerships that provide integrated responses to the needs of AOD populations, including criminal justice, perinatal and youth as well as those populations with co-occurring disorders.
- **Goal 8:** Improve the quality, capacity and effectiveness of problem gambling prevention, intervention and treatment.
- **Goal 9:** Improve quality, capacity and effectiveness of AOD prevention, treatment and recovery services through better use of data, including epidemiological research, and the application of continuous quality improvement (CQI) practices.
- Goal 10: Develop strategies to plan and support culturally appropriate services.

III. Increase Knowledge, Skills and Abilities in the AOD Prevention and Treatment Workforce

- **Goal 11:** Ensure that primary prevention service providers and staff meet specified core competency requirements and increase AOD program counselor capabilities.
- **Goal 12:** Develop and implement strategies to increase the cultural competency knowledge, skills and abilities of the AOD workforce.